

UNUSUAL ACTIVITY IN PEANUT MARKET

Three-Quarters of Crop in Petersburg Section Sold.

CITY SERGEANT QUALIFIES

Generous Donations Being Made for Female Orphan Asylum.

The Times-Dispatch Bureau, 109 North Sycamore Street, Petersburg, Va., December 16.

An unusual feature of the peanut market this season is the great rush of the crop to market before the Christmas holidays, the very large sales and the practical forcing into two months the usual business of six or eight months. It is said that nearly three-quarters of the crop in this section, which is a very short one, has already been sold to meet the demand for consumption. What the farmers lose in quantity, however, is evened up by the high prices realized this year. The market is firm at \$1.25 per bushel for Spanish nuts, with a proportionate advance for Virginia. A large transaction, the sale of 5,000 bags of Spanish peanuts at figures over the above quotations, is reported from Scotland Neck, N. C. The shipping demand for consumption is more active this year than has been known in many years at this season.

Qualified as Sergeant.

City Sergeant John B. Evans to-day qualified in the Hustings Court for the faithful discharge of his duties for his new four-year term of office, which begins on January 1. He gave a personal bond in the sum of \$50,000.

The first noon of the season fell here last night. It was accompanied with hail and covered the ground to the depth of about one inch. Long before noon to-day, however, it had entirely disappeared.

An innocent Dinwiddie colored farmer—Fayette Moran—was flim-flamed out of a \$10 bill to-day by a negro sharper, whom he had engaged to carry his baggage to the train. A bet was made that the farmer could not open a simple-looking purse exhibited by the sharper. As soon as the farmer put up his money the sharper grabbed it and disappeared.

The Colored Citizens' Co-operative Association has for one of its objects the fighting of tuberculosis, the most prevalent and fatal of diseases among the negroes, and is doing good work in that line. By invitation of the association, Dr. Ennion G. Williams, of Richmond, State Commissioner of Health, to-night delivered an illustrated address before the colored people of the city on tuberculosis.

Personal and Other.

W. A. Land, census supervisor for this congressional district, is in the city.

An appeal for aid for the Petersburg Female Orphan Asylum has brought forth contributions from a large number of people, and generous donations from all, or nearly all, of the secret societies of the city.

The executive board of the State Council, Jr. O. U. A. M., was in session for four hours at headquarters in this city last night. Various matters were discussed, including the extension of the order into new territory.

A 50-cent bottle of Scott's Emulsion given in half-teaspoon doses four times a day, mixed in its bottle, will last a year-old baby nearly a month, and four bottles over three months, and will make the baby strong and well and will lay the foundation for a healthy, robust boy or girl.

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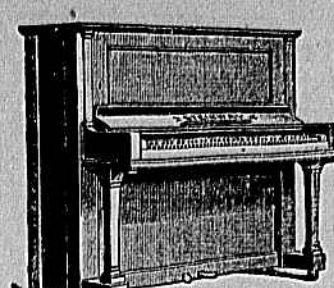
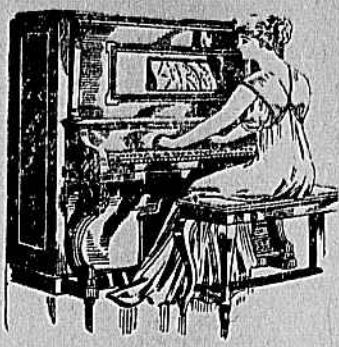
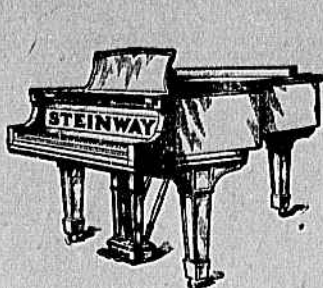
Read This Incomplete List:

- Gillette Safety Razors,
- Laundry Lists,
- Thermos Bottles,
- Photo Frames,
- Desk Clocks,
- Traveling Cups,
- Wardrobe Trunks,
- Gents' Trunks,
- Steamer Trunks,
- Bags, Cases,
- Roller Tray Trunks,
- Basket Trunks,
- Cases,
- Fitted Bags,
- Gents' Hat Boxes,
- Chatelaine Bags,
- Shopping Bags,
- Vanity Bags,
- Card Cases,
- Cigar Sets.
- Fitted Cases,
- Ladies' Hat Boxes,
- Bags, Flasks,
- Visiting Lists,
- Writing Tablets,
- Automobile Clocks,
- Calendars,
- Dog Collars,
- Dress Trunks,
- Umbrellas,
- Wallets,
- Bill Rolls,
- Music Rolls,
- Manicure Sets,
- Razor Cases,
- Comb and Brush Sets,
- Collar Boxes,
- Hand Bags,
- Opera Bags,
- Collar Bags.

The Rountree Store,

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"The Gift Store Ahead."



The Store Is Throbbing With Piano Bargains

Each day the sales grow greater. People throng our store because they are sure of what we say—because they know that we do as we promise. This is not a sale of unreliable instruments, but a sale in which superior ones are sold at a great saving.

A Wonderful Victor

And what a company of celebrated entertainers this wonderful Victor brings with it—the foremost bands and orchestras, the greatest opera artists, funny comedians, singers of popular songs, and players on every instrument, and famous men, and big city choirs, and fine male quartets, and Uncle Josh, and—oh! so many more.

If you do not care to pay cash for the Victor, then you need not do so. Our easy-payment plan is taken advantage of by people in all walks of life. Victors \$10, \$17.50 and up.

A Pianola-Piano is a Gift

The day the Pianola-Piano enters your home the entire family are enabled to play any piece of music they may wish. It is the real, the great, the standard player-piano in the world. What a live word of music is thrown open to you—to your family—by the purchase of a Pianola-Piano!

A Pianola-Piano is a piano, either upright or grand, with the Pianola built inside of it. It contains the Metronome, the Pianola, and the despatch of all other player-piano makers.

And do not forget the Pianola is a device for attachment to any piano, but the Pianola Piano is a Pianola built inside of a piano (grand or upright). You can secure either one you wish.

Pianolas, separate, ready to be used with any piano, complete within themselves, \$550 and up.

They can be bought only at this store. Moderate monthly payments.

Small Instruments of All Kinds

Seldom, if ever, have we offered such an array of bargains unusual in small instruments of all kinds as we now have on display for you during this annual Christmas reduction sale.

We mention—

- Violins in any style at from \$6.50 up.
- Banjos, of excellent quality, \$3.50 up.
- Guitars, in many styles, \$4.50 up.
- Accordeons, the kind that last, \$1.50 up.
- Mouth Harps, any size, 10c and up.
- Music Rolls and Folios, 50c up.

In addition to this, we are also offering sensational reductions on Drums, Bugles, Clarinets, Zithers and, in fact, on every known small instrument.

These goods are on display, and our salesman is glad to show them to you.

More New Uprights Received

A welcome addition for this week is a number of new Uprights that will replenish our line that sold so rapidly the past week. You know they are guaranteed—that we stand back of every sale with our word—our iron-clad guarantee!

Come early—do not take chances of being disappointed.

\$100 off each on 9 new Brewster Uprights.
\$75 off each on 10 new Standard Uprights.
\$90 off each on 13 new Wexer Uprights.
\$70 off each on 16 new Kimball Uprights.
\$80 off each on 5 new Haines Uprights.
\$75 off each on 5 new Wheelock Uprights.

It is with pleasure we are able to offer these further reductions this week.

Slightly Used Upright Pianos

Almost startling are these money-saving prices! If you want a Piano, and want it at a sensationally low price, then this is your opportunity—

- One \$325 McEwen Upright, in thorough repair, now \$80.
- One \$325 Gibson Upright, in thorough repair, now \$190.
- One \$325 Standard Piano, Upright, this sale only \$210.
- Also one Banner Piano, Upright, brand-new, this sale, \$145.

But slightly used and in perfect condition, these Pianos are wonderful bargains! They will sell rapidly.

Write us for beautiful catalog. Ask us any questions that you wish about any Piano advertised here. We want to hear from you. But do not delay.

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PETERSBURG MAN COMMITS SUICIDE

Samuel Holsey, For No Known Reason, Ends His Own Life.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

PETERSBURG, Va., December 16.—Samuel Holsey, a well-known young man of this city, about thirty years old, committed suicide this afternoon about 3 o'clock in the store of the Jefferson Liquor Company, on Sycamore Street, near the corner of Lombard Street. He went into the store, talked cheerfully with some friends, spoke of having sold twenty or more tickets to the next supper for the benefit of Blandford M. E. Church, of which he was a member, explained that he was suffering a good deal with a corn on his foot, and, without giving any intimation of the act he was about to commit, walked to the rear of the store, sat down on the step at the back door, and, after a moment's pause, the muzzle of the pistol was placed in his mouth, and the ball passed upward through the brain and out of the top of the head, causing a ghastly wound and causing death in a short while.

No cause, as far as known to his relatives and friends, is assigned for the deed. A letter to his wife was found in his pocket, but it was altogether of a private nature, and made no reference to his suicide. Mr. Holsey was employed as collector for the Kent Furniture Company, and was highly esteemed. He married Miss Garrett, of this city, about sixteen months ago, who survives him. He left his home in Blandford after dinner this afternoon, bidding his wife a cheerful good-bye. Mr. Holsey served in the United States Army for a number of years, and came to this city several years ago from Port Leavenworth, and opened a recruiting office for the army.

OPTIONS SECURED BY ROGERS ESTATE

Negotiations Started for Purchase of 100,000 Acres of Coal Lands.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

ROANOKE, Va., December 16.—Mr. Dennis, former county clerk of Buchanan, has secured options on 100,000 acres of coal land in Buchanan, McDowell and Russell counties. These options expire on January 17, and at the present time Mr. Dennis is in New York, where he is making preparations for selling the entire tract of land at a price which is said to be in the neighborhood of an average of \$27 per acre. Some of the land, which was secured from Tazewell parties, cost \$40 per acre, but some of it was obtained at about \$20 per acre, and some less than that figure.

Several Tazewell people had about 13,000 acres which they gave an option on, but they would not consider the proposition unless they were to receive \$1 per acre as an option price. They received \$13,000, and are to receive the balance not later than January 17.

A man who gave an option on a tract of land in Buchanan said to-day that he had received assurance from New York that the deal would go through. He said he was under the impression that all of the land is wanted by the Rogers estate.

The land on which options have been secured lies between the Clinch Valley and the main line of the Norfolk and Western, along Knox Creek, and also stretches back into Buchanan county. In some places it adjoins the 300,000-acre lease of the Clinchfield corporation, as well as other valuable leases owned by a number of prominent coal owners.

It was learned to-day that the Chesapeake and Ohio is making preparations to get into Buchanan county,

HEARING OF HORNE ON GRAVE CHARGE

Trial, at Which Chaloner Is Accuser, Will Be Held at Keswick.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

KESWICK, Va., December 16.—The trial of Bernard S. Horne, charged with ambushing and attempting to kill John Armstrong Chaloner, will come up at Keswick before Justice Williams at midday on next Saturday.

Mr. Chaloner, on account of ill health, will not appear at the trial, but will file a letter with the magistrate stating his case. He will also file affidavits from witnesses showing that tracks leading to and from the place of ambush have been discovered, and also a man carrying a rifle was seen in the locality on the day of the ambush. There will be no lawyers present on Saturday, but Mr. Horne will defend himself, while Chaloner will depend upon the affidavits of the persons who saw the man with the rifle and who discovered the tracks.

SENATOR JOHN RAINES DEAD

Was One of Leading Republicans of New York State.

CANANDAIGUA, N. Y., December 16.—State Senator John Raines died this morning at 1:45 o'clock.

John Raines was one of the powerful Republican State leaders of New York, and by his death Albany has lost one of the most conspicuous figures in its legislative halls.

Senator Raines was born in 1840, in Canandaigua, and grew up to the time of his death. In private life he was an insurance agent and lawyer, having been prepared for the bar at the Albany Law School. He served in the Army of the Potomac and in the Virginia campaign in July, 1862, when he returned from the war and again took up the practice of law.

Senator Raines had been an active member of the Republican party for many years. He was a member of the Assembly from 1880 till 1885, when he was elected to the Senate. He continued a member of the Senate until 1890, when he was elected to the Fifty-second Congress.

In 1894 he was again elected to the Senate, to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of Charles T. Saxton, who had been elected Lieutenant-Governor. For many years, he was chairman of the committee on Railroads. Senator Raines devoted a great deal of his time to the excise law. It is said that he usually carried an amendment to that law in his pocket. One of his chief legislative achievements was the passage of the well-known liquor tax law, which bears his name, and which gave rise to the large number of so-called "Raines law hotels" in New York City.

MORGAN AND COMPANY BUY TELEPHONE LINES

TOLEDO, O., December 16.—An announcement was made here that J. I. Morgan & Co. are the purchasers of 17 of the independent telephone properties in which James S. Bralley, Jr., of this city, recently secured control. Details of the deal and future operation are not made known officially. On authority from Morgan & Co., the following statement was issued:

YEAITS—COLBERT

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

CHATHAM, Va., December 16.—Miss Minnie Colbert and Walter Yeatts were married at the home of J. J. Whitehead on Wednesday last, Rev. E. Y. Pool performing the ceremony. The bride was attended by her sister, Mrs. C. T. Yeatts, matron of honor, and Miss Minnie Yeatts, maid of honor. Other attendants were Misses Rosa Dunn, Sallie Bowling, Polly Shelhorse, Sallie Whitehead, Lottie Wyatt and Lizzie Colbert; Aubrey Yeatts, P. L. Burch, Frank Norman, M. T. Fitzgerald, Willie High and Willie George. A reception was given at the home of the bride.

MOORE—WEBSTER

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

FREDERICKSBURG, Va., December 16.—Arthur Moore, of Stafford county, and Mrs. Fannie J. Webster, of King George county, were married last evening at the home of the bride, who is a daughter of the late William Rollins, of King George county.

MYER—WATTS

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

STANTON, Va., December 16.—Miss Mary Long Watts, daughter of the late Mr. Long Watts, of Washington, D. C., evening, became the bride of Herbert Alton Meyer, of Washington, D. C. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Newton Clark Watts, on Fayette Place, Rev. A. M. Fraser, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, officiating. The decorations were in red and white, in holly and mistletoe.

The maid of honor was Miss Leta Watts, sister of the bride. The flower girls, in white, were Miss Gladys and Evelyn Colner, nieces of the bride. The best man was Edward Ralph, of Chicago. An elegant reception followed the ceremony.

House guests were Miss Neal Roberts, of Roanoke; Miss Carrie Greiselman, of Washington; Miss Lillian Perry, of Salem; Miss Edith Walters, of Covington, Ky.; Dr. Josephine Riley, of Chillicothe, O.; Harry Frost, of Washington; Dr. Warren Knepp, of Roanoke; Edward Ralph, of Chicago; Harry and Herbert Alton Meyer, of Washington. Other guests from a distance were J. S. Perry, of Roanoke; Dr. T. W. Laguna, of Richmond; Dr. Albert Clark, of Washington; Chester Eaton, of Covington, Ky.; and Dana Lasley, of Washington.

HORTON—JORDAN

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

SUFFOLK, Va., December 16.—At Centre Hill Church, Isle of Wight county, to-day, Miss Lillian Jordan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Macdon Jordan, was married to Dr. Robert Horton, of Raleigh, N. C., by Rev. Milford P. Sanford. The attendants were Miss Helen Hunter Jordan, a sister of the bride, maid of honor; Miss Mary George Stott and Miss Marie Woodward, bridesmaids. Dr. Milley C. Horton, of Norfolk; Dr. Samuel A. Hildick, of Smithfield, and Arthur P. Jordan were groomsmen.

The bridal party had wedding breakfast at the home of the bride.

DAILY COURT RECORD

United States Circuit Court of Appeals.

The United States Circuit Court of Appeals reconvened yesterday morning at 10:30 o'clock with the following judges in attendance: Circuit Judges Coffey and Eichelard and District Judges Wadell and Connor sitting alternately. Cases argued were:

No. 255. Augustus L. Patterson, plaintiff in error, vs. Laeger and Southern Railway Company, defendants in error. In error to the Circuit Court at Bluefield, W. Va. Argued by D. J. F. Strother and W. W. Hughes, of Welch, W. Va., for the defendants, and by J. W. Chapman, of Chapman & Gillespie, Tazewell, Va., for the plaintiff, and submitted.

No. 927. Tygart Valley Brewing Company, appellant, vs. The Vilter Manufacturing Company, appellee; appeal from the Circuit Court at Clarksburg, W. Va., and John Bassel, of Clarksburg, W. Va., for the appellant, and by C. F. Fawcett, of Milwaukee, Wis., and Cunningham & Stallings, of Parsons, W. Va., for the appellee.

Cases in Call To-Day.

No. 327. Daniel A. Davis and Elliott M. Eldredge, executors of Oris K. Eldredge, deceased, plaintiff in error, vs. Bessemer City Cotton Mills and John A. Smith, defendants in error; in error to the Circuit Court at Asheville, N. C. To be argued by F. D. McKenney, of Washington, D. C., for the plaintiffs, and by Moore & Rollins, of Asheville, N. C., for the defendant.

Opinions Rendered.

The court yesterday announced and

handed down its opinion in the following cases:

No. 904. The Preferred Accident Insurance Company plaintiff in error, vs. Jennie Laniel Miller, defendant in error. In error to the Circuit Court at Charlottesville, W. Va. Per curiam opinion. Affirmed, with costs.

No. 912. Charles D. Gillespie, alleged bankrupt, appellant, vs. Parsons-Souders Company, et al., appellees. Appeal from the District Court at Parkersburg, W. Va. Per curiam opinion. Affirmed, with costs.

No. 913. Benjamin F. Mush, receiver of Western Maryland Railroad Company, plaintiff in error, vs. Ira C. Post, defendant in error. In error to the Circuit Court at Clarksburg, W. Va. Per curiam opinion. Affirmed, with costs.

No. 923. Thomas M. Davis, appellant, vs. Steamer "Pekanoket," appellee. Appeal from the District Court at Norfolk. Per curiam opinion. Affirmed, with costs.

No. 925. C. O. Hunter, appellant, vs. John G. Friend et al., appellees. Appeal from the Circuit Court at Richmond. Per curiam opinion. Affirmed, with costs.

No. 927. Lewis P. Wingert, appellant, vs. First National Bank of Hagerstown, Md., et al., appellees. Appeal from the Circuit Court at Baltimore. Per curiam opinion. Affirmed, with costs.

No. 910. Virginia Passenger and Power Company et al., appellants, vs. Lane Brothers Company, appellees. Appeal from the Circuit Court at Richmond. Opinion by Judge Brawley. Affirmed, with costs.

Forrester—Revere.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

FREDERICKSBURG, Va., December 16.—Announcement is made of the approaching marriage of Miss Nannie Cora Revere, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Revere, of Lancaster county, to J. L. Forrester, the ceremony to take place Wednesday, December 22.

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